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# Media Advisory

## **Department of Homeland Security to Award American Medical Association \$1 Million for Disaster Life Support Training Program** *Mayer to present Competitive Training Grant award*

**Chicago-** Matt A. Mayer, Chief of Staff of the Department of Homeland Security Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness (SLGCP), will present the American Medical Association with a \$1 million grant to develop and deploy a disaster life support training program.

The Competitive Training Grants Program provides funding for training initiatives to further the Department's mission of preparing the nation in the event of a terrorist incident. The American Medical Association completed a rigorous application process for this grant—over 217 applications were received and the Department selected 14 programs for funding, totaling \$33,645,997 to be awarded.

The American Medical Association plans to develop and organize a standardized, exportable disaster life support training program to increase awareness of the basic skills, competencies, knowledge, and resources that are critical for a coordinated and effective local emergency response effort. Electronic versions of the course will be developed to greatly increase the number of first responders in rural and underserved areas who can access the modules via the web.

**WHAT:** Department of Homeland Security Competitive Training Grant Program award presentation

**WHO:** Matt A. Mayer, Chief of Staff of SLGCP, Department of Homeland Security

**WHEN:** Monday, August 23, 2004  
9:00am

**WHERE:** American Medical Association  
Room-16A  
515 North State Street  
Chicago, IL 60610

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